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MORE ARYAN CIRCLE MEMBERS SENTENCED

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that four more Aryan Circle members have been sentenced to federal prison for their roles in being part of a Continuing Criminal Enterprise to produce more than 15,000 grams of methamphetamine.

"These gang members peddled poison in the Permian Basin. Methamphetamine is an extremely dangerous and highly addictive illegal drug that has ruined the lives of many many people. The severe sentences handed down today should send a tough message to drug dealers that we will not tolerate their crimes in our community," stated **United States Attorney Johnny Sutton**.

Appearing before United States District Judge Robert Junell in Midland, those sentenced today include: Shane Samson, a.k.a. Buffy who received 156 months and Buddy Ford who received 324 months in federal prison.

Earlier this week Charles Samson, a.k.a. Killer, Michael Curtis Lewis, Victor Wesley Tucker, a.k.a. Pokey and Malachi David Wren received life sentences. Leonard Duane Griffith, a.k.a. Radar received 360 months and Michael Norris Martin, a.k.a. Mikey received 210 months, while Jerry Wayne Beason received 130 months and Donnie Thompson received 189 months in federal prison.

Since January 2000, the Permian Basin AC has manufactured and distributed over 15,000 grams of methamphetamine and is also responsible for assaulting other methamphetamine producers in an effort to get them to produce the drug for the Aryan Circle.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Odessa Police Department, along with the Ector County Sheriff's Office, Midland County Sheriff's Office, Midland Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, Andrews Police Department, Andrews County Sheriff's Office, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Drug Enforcement Administration.

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